

Table 3. Lake Ontario Lakewide Management Plan Critical Pollutants

Chemical Name	Causes Lakewide Beneficial Use Impairments ¹	Likely to Cause Lakewide Beneficial Use Impairments ²	Loading entering Lake from Niagara River ³
PCBs	•		•
DDT/ metabolites	•		•
Mirex	•		•
Dieldrin		•	•
Dioxins	•		NE
Mercury		•	NE

¹ Based on direct evidence that the chemical is causing lakewide use impairments.

² Based on “indirect” evidence that the chemical is causing lakewide beneficial use impairments because the chemical exceeds the most stringent government standard, criteria, or guideline.

³ Based on Upstream/Downstream Monitoring Program, 1992/1993.

NE = Not estimated, because concentrations were below the analytical detection limit.